To the Honourable the Commons of *England* Assembled in Parliament.

The humble Petition of Jacob Massey, John Verger, Isaac du Blé, John Michell, *and* Mathurin Lambert Pagen, French-men *and Merchant-Jewellers of the City of* Paris *in the Kingdom of* France.

Humbly sheweth,

THAT in the Month of *May* last, your Petitioners severally delivered at the City of *Paris* aforesaid, to one *John Feiting* a *Dutch-man*, certain Diamonds of the Value of Seven Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be by the said *Feiting* Polished and Wrought for your Petitioners.

That after receipt thereof, the said *Feiting* ran away with the same Diamonds, and brought them into *England*; and your Petitioners with great Difficulty and much Expence caused the said *Feiting* to be Arrested at *London* in an Action of Trover, at the Suit of your Petitioner *Massey* only.

That thereupon the said *Feiting* being in Custody of the Sheriff of *Middlesex*, turned himself over by *Habeas Corpus* to the Prison of the *Fleet*, and there remained Prisoner for some time; during which time your Petitioners severally declared against him. But in the Month of *August* last, *William Weedon Ford* Esq; Warden of the same Prison, voluntarily, and for a Consideration of Twenty Guineas, (as your Petitioners are informed) and notwithstanding an Order of one of the Judges of the *Common-Pleas* to the contrary, turned the said *Feiting* out of the same Prison, and let him escape beyond the Seas.

That since then, your Petitioner *Massey* hath proceeded in his said Action, and a Jury of *Middlesex* on a Writ of Enquiry of Damages, hath given your Petitioner *Massey* Three Hundred and Ten Pounds Damages, besides Costs of Suit: But in regard the said *Feiting* is escaped, your Petitioner *Massey* cannot charge him in Execution for the said Damages and Costs; and your other Petitioners are discouraged by reason of the said Escape, to proceed further in their respective Suits.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray from your Honours such Redress against the Warden of the Fleet, *as so Unjust an Act by him done may merit, and such Remedy as to your Honours in your Wisdom shall seem meet; And your Petitioners shall pray, &c.*